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SUBJ: FORMATION OF NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

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1. FIANCE MINISTER SAPIR WHO DINED WITH ME BRIEFLY
BETWEEN TWO LONG COALITION NEGOTIATING SEESIONS LAST
EVENING TOLD ME HE GENUINELY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER
GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED AT THIS TIME OR WHETHER NEW
ELECTIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED. HE SAW ALMOST NO CHANCE
NRP WOULD CONCEDE AND JOIN GOVERNMENT, AND YET
MRS. MEIR REMAINED STRONGLY OPPOSED TO FORMING
GOVERNMENT WITH ONLY 61 KNESSET VOTES.-ALTERNATIVE
WHICH WAS GAINING FAVOR AMONG OTHER ALIGNMENT LEADERS (REFTEL).
PRESS TODAY INREPORTING DEADLOCK IN WHICH FINAL
NEGOTIATING SESSION ENDED AFTER MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT CITES
SAPIR AS SYAING HE EXPECTED SITUATION TO BE "CLEARER"
BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF NEW ELECTIONS DO HAVE TO BE HELD,	
PREPARATION OF NEW VOTER ROLLS AND NEW KNESSET CANDIDATURE	
LIST COULD TAKE TWO OR THREE MONTHS.	
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